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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 In the Matter of) FPPC No.: 05/258
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12 STEVEN BRUCE RUFF and BRUCE RUFF) STIPULATION, DECISION and
13 FOR SHERIFF 2002,) ORDER
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15 Respondents.)
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18 Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and
19 Respondents Steven Bruce Ruff and Bruce Ruff for Sheriff 2002, hereby agree that this stipulation will
20 be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next scheduled meeting.

21 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this
22 matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to
23 determine the liability of Respondents.

24 Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural
25 rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in sections 18361.1
26 through 18361.9 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the
27 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an
28 attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the

1 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an impartial administrative law judge
2 preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

3 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents Steven Bruce Ruff and Bruce Ruff for Sheriff
4 2002 violated the Political Reform Act by failing to properly disclose a loan on a campaign statement
5 that was filed, in violation of Government Code section 84211, subdivision (g), (1 count), as described
6 in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
7 Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

8 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.
9 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount
10 of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). A cashier's check from Respondents in said amount,
11 made payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full
12 payment of the administrative penalty, to be held by the State of California until the Commission issues
13 its decision and order regarding this matter.

14 The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall
15 become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the
16 stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this stipulation shall be
17 reimbursed to Respondents.

18 Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the Commission rejects the stipulation,
19 and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the
20 Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this
21 stipulation.

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23 Dated: _____

Mark Krausse
Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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Steven Bruce Ruff, individually and on behalf of Bruce
Ruff for Sheriff 2002, Respondents

1 **DECISION AND ORDER**

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3 The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of Steven Bruce Ruff and Bruce Ruff for
4 Sheriff 2002, FPPC No. 05/258,” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision
5 and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12 Liane M. Randolph, Chairman
13 Fair Political Practices Commission
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